

bill in order to kill it or to change it. That is what we are doing right now. After this you will just see reading of a bill, if you stay that long. So, the Chair then next recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I would like to simply state a few things, and I won't take much time in doing that. The fears that I have heard voiced by the members of this legislature are basically blown out of proportion and in many cases unfounded. The concerns that there are some bugs in the bill are real, there are, but the fact that this bill should be delayed for two years or for a year at such time that it will be worked is a fallacious sort of argument. The truth of the matter is that if we do not allow this commission to go into effect and allow the law to go into effect we will not be able to deal with this properly, but more importantly we will have broken faith with the public, the general public in Nebraska. I remember when this bill was passed last year and I was not in the Legislature and I said hooray, this has got to be a good thing. Because the public, I have always believed and had faith that our political system, the political system in Nebraska specifically was good, was open and was honest. But, I felt that many Nebraskans did not feel the same way and did not have that same faith in this political system. What this bill does is says basically we will not only, those of us who do work in the political system and are active in the political system, we know, but we will also let the general public know. We will provide them with information so that they can make their own analysis and they can understand that political system. LB 4 as amended does not do that. The original bill as it came out of committee today, or last month, I felt would be a decent bill. There were some parts in it that I did not like but I was willing to accept that. They were working out some problems, they were clarifying sections. But, what we have done now as you said, we will delay this bill for one year. The consequences are that by delaying it for one year we will allow people to not report money raised in the process. We will allow more time to come in with damaging and ineffective amendments that may in fact emasculate the bill. But, the worst provision of the present LB 4 is the fact that we will not be providing the time to work out these things. I think that the commission has to go into effect. They have to review, the legislature has to study and act and try to clear up these problems, and we ought to do it hand in hand. There is no need the argument that we have to delay this for one year is superfluous and unnecessary. The same arguments that people make as to why we have to delay it for one year are in fact true if we do not delay it one year. We still have next session to work out the details and the problems. But, we will have a commission that will review and look at these problems. A commission that can lay down the guide lines and make them more clear for this body and other political officials and aspiring political officials across the state to understand. I think that if that happens the fears that I have heard expressed by many members of this body will evaporate, they will go up in smoke. We will be able to work out these things in a short period of time. But, we will not be able to work these things out if the bill is delayed, if the commission is delayed. What will in fact happen is that we will eventually gut the legislation, we will break faith with the public and I